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## HILL ADDED TO STUDY LIST FOR CLOSURE, BENNETT SAYS RESULT COULD TURN TO HILL'S FAVOR

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- Senator Bob Bennett (R-Utah) today issued the following statement regarding the vote today by the Base Realignment and Closure Commission (BRAC) to add all five Air Force Air Logistics Centers (ALCs), including Hill Air Force Base, to the study list for possible closure:

"Today's vote by the BRAC commissioners is not unexpected, and given the strength of Hill's numbers in comparison with the other four ALCs, is not unwelcome.

"The Air Force numbers show that among the five ALCs being studied for closure, Hill ranks the highest overall, has the highest military value, and would produce the lowest return on investment if it's closed. Additionally, at the same time commissioners voted to add Hill to the closure study list, they also voted to consider Hill as a possible site to receive the transfer of the tactical missile function from Letterkenny Army Depot in Pennsylvania should it be closed. This is another good sign.

"Our task now is to ensure that Hill receive a fair hearing and that all the numbers are on the table. We will continue to press for what we have pushed all along -- let Hill compete on its merits. Under these circumstances, we have reason to be extremely optimistic."

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